period on defaulting airlines. The security deposit is suitably increased based on the operations.

Allocation of natural gas to Andhra Pradesh

*227. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the quantities of oil and natural gas found so far in Andhra Pradesh during the last two years;

(b) what are the quantities allocated to the State Government and the State industries;

(c) what are the quantities exploited so far; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to provide a fixed allocation of these two resources to the State?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA): (a) The new oil and gas reserves accretion in the State of Andhra Pradesh by ONGC during the last 2 years is as under:

	Oil (MMT)	Gas (BCM)
2004-05	0.64	2.20 0.83
2005-06	0.03	
TOTAL	0.67	3.03

MMT - Million Metric Tonnes BCM - Billion Cubic Metres

As on 1.4.2006, total ultimate reserves established by ONGC since inception in Andhra Pradesh were 6.54 MMT of crude oil and 59.95 BCM of natural gas.

(b) and (d) Crude oil is not allocated but supplied to various refineries in the country on agreed terms and conditions between the producers and refineries. As regards gas, while the Administered Pricing Mechanism (APM) gas has been allocated by the Government to various consumers, non-APM gas is supplied to the consumers on market considerations. Against an allocation of 16.42 Million Standard Cubic Metres per day (MMSCMD) of APM gas in Andhra Pradesh, at present the supplies are around 6.1 MMSCMD.

(c) Total quantity exploited till 2005-06 was 2.10 MMT of crude oil and 18.675 BCM of natural gas.

Supply of natural gas to North Eastern Region

*228. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that oil PSUs are paid compensation for supply of natural gas to North Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the rates at which natural gas is supplied to North Eastern Region as compared to other parts of the country and whether they are for unrestricted quantity;

(d) the amount of compensation paid to different oil PSUs during 2005-06 and expected to be paid during current fiscal; and

(e) how it is ensured that natural gas supplied to this region is not passed on to neighbouring States?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The difference between the producer's price and consumer's price of gas supplied in the North Eastern Region under Administered Pricing Mechanism (APM) is reimbursed to Oil India Limited (OIL) which is sourcing the gas. Such reimbursement was being made from the gas pool account till 31.3.2006 and is being made from the Government budget thereafter.

(c) The prices at which APM gas is being supplied to different consumers in the North Eastern Region and a comparison with the rest of the country is given below. These prices are linked to a calorific value of 10,000 kilo calories/cubic metre.

Category of Consumers	North Eastern Region (Rs./MSCM*)	Rest of the Country (Rs. MSCM*)
Power and Fertilizer Sector	1920 Small	3200
Consumers** and City Distribution Projects	2304 Gas	3840

*Thousand Standard Cubic Metres

"Receiving supplies upto 0.05 Million Standard Cubic Metre Per Day (MMSCMD)